Rec'd May 26th. [1871 May 22.

My Dear Father in God: —

It has just occurred to me that I have been negligent in not writing to you respecting my advancement to the Priesthood at the approaching ordination season. —

Mr. Lewis has made out my papers and has them signed and has also sent you the requisite certificate — I have endeavored by God's help to perform the duties of my Diaconate which the Ch. entrusted to and placed upon me last June — and God has helped me abundantly. I have felt His presence with me at every turn — More than this I cannot say — except to glory as I ever do in the work of the Church — Mr. Lewis desires me to take Priests orders that our work in the parish may have greater increase — but it is for your counsel as my bishop — which I ask and which I need — My work during the year has been such as to leave

had small chance for brushing up my old studies - that is - to enter into the minutiae of them - The Lent work was heavy - but over and above that there is always much to be done — I have preached 48 times besides have Catechised and lectured to quite an extent since last Trinity - I give a short lecture every morning at the parish school - of which I have charge - on the Prayer Book - and have been doing so with but slight interruption since last January -

Last May in consequence of the receiving the degree of B.D. from the faculty of Nashotah - I passed an examination with the Wisconsin Candidates in Hebrew, Greek Testament, Eccl. History, Systematic Divinity, Prayer Book & Biblical Literature before Bp Armitage and 5 Presbyters - Drs Adams, Cole & Thompson amongst

the number- All the members of my class sit the same, which represents the Dioceses of Illinois, Tennessee, Connecticut and Wisconsin- My Classmates have all been ordained on the strength of these examinations which were quite thorough in their nature - particularly so in Greek and History Dr Thompson being Chief examiner- I have already passed one examination before you and the examiners whom you appointed- Will you accept the Certificate of B'p Armitage and the publication of my degree in the Annual register of Nashotah - for the other - and for my admission to Priest's orders in this Diocese?

I ask you simply because I have been hard at work all the year and have had but little chance to keep myself in an examination trim. I should like to have Mr Lewis present me for ordination

if such meets with your Entire approval – I shall send it to him this Morning – Dam –

Affectionately & truly Yours.

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